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SUBJ: VISIT OF FNCB REP

1. CORBERT ANSCHUETZ, REPRESENTATIVE OF FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK AND FORMER SENIOR FSO, ARRIVED BAGHDAD OCT 8 ON FACT FINDING-ORIENTATION TRIP. DESPITE UNFAVORABLE EXTERNAL EVENTS, HE WAS RECEIVED BY AMONG OTHERS MINISTER OF ECONOMY AZZAWI, UNDER SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM DR. FADHIL CHALABI, AND DR KADHIM AS-SAID OF ECONOMIC BUREAU OF RCC. MOST OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT GOI HAD NOTHING AGAINST AMERICAN COMPANIES AND HOPED TO

DO BUSINESS WITH THEM. DR AS-SAIDI TOOK MORE POLITICAL TACK AND

SAID U.S. WOULD BE LAST PLACE IRAQ WOULD LOOK FOR FINANCING UNTIL ITS MIDDLE EAST IF POLICY CHANGED. ANSCHUETZ LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT WHILE IRAQ IS GOING TO REQUIRE FINANCING FOR ITS AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS, GOI BELIEVES ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS IS NOT BIG PROBLEM SINCE THEY HAVE HAD PLENTY OF OFFERS FROM JAPANESE AND WESTERN EUROPEANS.

2. COMMENT: ANSCHUETZ'S RECEPTION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL DURING WEEK OF HOSTILITIES IS GOOD INDICATION OF NON-POLITICAL AND ESSENTIALLY OBJECTIVE OUTLOOK OF TECHNOCRATS AND CIVIL SERVANTS. UNFORTUNATELY, IN PERIODS OF CRISIS THEIR INFLUENCE ON BAATH LEADERSHIP IS MINIMAL.

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